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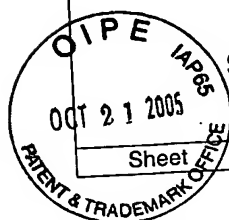
Reference L is in the Japanese language. The relevance of Reference L may be ascertained by reviewing Reference R, which is an English language abstract of Reference L. In addition, a computer-generated English translation of Reference L is attached.

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